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SUBJ: CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS

REF: STATE 001072

1. EMBASSY BELIEVES PLAYING NUMBERS GAME IN TRYING TO COUNT (AND PRESUMABLY COMPARE) REQUESTS FOR INVESTIGATIONS FROM TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES IS RISKY ONE, LIKELY TO LEAD TO FALSE IMPRESSIONS AND INACCURACIES. FIRST OF ALL, ICCS ITSELF HAS NOT DEVELOPED RELIABLE CENTRALIZED MACHINERY FOR RECORD- KEEPING; SECRETARIAT TO DATE HAS HAD ALMOST NOTHING TO DO WITH VIOLATIONS REQUESTS, THAT BEING A FUNCTION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR THE MONTH. WITH FREQUENT ROTATION OF CHAIRMAN, POSSIBILITY FOR ERROR IS GREAT.

2. ANOTHER MAJOR AREA FOR ERROR IS DUBIOUS SIGNIFICANCE OF PURE ENUMERATION. ONE REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION MAY BE FOR MINOR

INCIDENT INVOLVING PERHAPS NO FATALITIES WHILE ANOTHER MAY COVER
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A MAJOR BATTLE AND STILL ANOTHER MAY BE MERE EMPTY PROPAGANDA. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT IN MOST CASES A REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION

INCLUDES MORE THAN ONE INCIDENT AND TOTAL OF REQUESTS DOES NOT
RELATE DIRECTLY TO TOTAL OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF CEASEFIRE.

3. REVIEWING RECORDS OF REQUESTS IS PERHAPS INTENDED DT NEW YORK
TIMXOS AS PRELIMINARY STEP BEFORE LOOKING AT ICCS RECORD OF
COMPLETED REPORTS. SO LONG AS CANADIANS WERE PRESENT, CANDEL
RECOFTS WERE REASONABLY ACCURATE BUT WE DOUBT THAY ANYONE IN ICCS
AT THIS TIME IS PREPARED TO SAY HOW MANY REQUESTS FOR INVESTIGATION
HAVE BEEN CARRIED TO COMPLETIOMFAND HOW MANY FINAL REPORTS HAVE
BEEN MADE.

4. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IT WOULD SEEM SINGULARTE
INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPLICITLY ASSUME THE
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACCURACY OF SUCH STATISTICS BY ACTING AS A
TRANSMISSION CHANNEL, PARTICULARLY WHEN THE ONLY SOURCE AVAILABLE
TO US, THE ICCS AN INYYPENDENT INTERNATIONAL BODY, IS EQUALLY
AVAILABLE TO THE NEW YORK TIMES SAIGON BUREAU.
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